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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to comment on the Microsoft Settlement. The settlement as proposed has more legal loopholes than Swiss cheese blasted with a shotgun. Microsoft has historically displayed an unwillingness to adhere to any court-ordered consent decree, or to try and twist the actual intention of the decree to their own benefit. In other words, the only law that Microsoft respects is the Microsoft corporate agenda and culture, which is "win at all costs as long as it is good for Microsoft". Their executives during the anti-trust trial showed great disrespect and disdain for the district court and many of them blatantly lied under oath. This all goes to show that Microsoft cannot be trusted to "do the right thing" when it comes to playing by the rules (i.e., the LAW). That is why I am writing this letter.

As a person who makes his living in the IT industry, I would LOVE to see some competition restored to the industry. Microsoft could easily compete on an even playing ground and the merits of the products they produce alone, but they simply will not. No consent decree or technology expert overlooking their actions will change this. A better solution must be found! It's kind of like the NBA Champion LA Lakers saying, "OK, now we're the best! Next season we will start each game with a 25 point head start over our opponents, because we are the best and we can!".

Please think again before letting this settlement be finalized. Competition MUST be restored to the IT industry and Microsoft cannot be trusted to change on their own. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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